However, because an assembly language is little more than a different notation for a machine language, two machines with different instruction sets also have different assembly languages..  
Many programmers use forms of Agile software development where the various stages of formal software development are more integrated together into short cycles that take a few weeks rather than years.  
There are many approaches to the Software development process.  
For example, COBOL is still strong in corporate data centers often on large mainframe computers, Fortran in engineering applications, scripting languages in Web development, and C in embedded software.  
Proficient programming usually requires expertise in several different subjects, including knowledge of the application domain, details of programming languages and generic code libraries, specialized algorithms, and formal logic.  
In 1206, the Arab engineer Al-Jazari invented a programmable drum machine where a musical mechanical automaton could be made to play different rhythms and drum patterns, via pegs and cams.  
 Code-breaking algorithms have also existed for centuries.  
Many applications use a mix of several languages in their construction and use.  
As early as the 9th century, a programmable music sequencer was invented by the Persian Banu Musa brothers, who described an automated mechanical flute player in the Book of Ingenious Devices.  
It affects the aspects of quality above, including portability, usability and most importantly maintainability.  
Provided the functions in a library follow the appropriate run-time conventions (e.g., method of passing arguments), then these functions may be written in any other language.  
There exist a lot of different approaches for each of those tasks.  
 After the bug is reproduced, the input of the program may need to be simplified to make it easier to debug.  
This can be a non-trivial task, for example as with parallel processes or some unusual software bugs.  
Programmers typically use high-level programming languages that are more easily intelligible to humans than machine code, which is directly executed by the central processing unit.